

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM J. RISSEL ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM FORT KNOX FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of William (Bill) J. Rissel. After 23 years of serving as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Fort Knox Federal Credit Union, Bill will retire on July 1, 2014.

During a recent interview with The News-Enterprise, Bill said he tried to build a family environment at the credit union during his tenure. He has absolutely accomplished that goal, while growing the credit union and all those who it serves. According to The News-Enterprise, those numbers add up to \$1.2 billion in assets, serving more than 80,000 members.

Bill's departure will be felt beyond the credit union's four branches of Hardin County that he expanded upon. It is because of his expertise and aspirations that the credit union serves all of central Kentucky. But it is because of that same leadership and knowledge that the credit union will be in good hands following his departure.

I am grateful for Bill's hard work and vision, and would like to wish him well in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed rollcall vote No. 205, the Rule (H. Res. 576) providing for consideration of the "Success and Opportunity through Quality Charter Schools Act" (H.R. 10). Had I been present, I would have voted "no".

TRIBUTE TO STELLA "MOTHER" SANFORD

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. citizen of distinction.

Whereas, our lives have been touched by the life of this one woman, Ms. Stella "Mother" Sanford, who gave of herself in order for others to stand; and

Whereas, her dedicated service is present in DeKalb County, Georgia for all to see, where she was an unwavering advocate for youth, the elderly, the poor and the Civil Rights Community across the Nation; and

Whereas, this remarkable, positive woman with the beautiful smile gave of herself, her time and her talent; never asking for fame or fortune but only to uplift those in need; and

Whereas, she led by example from behind the scenes, as well as front and center for the

state of Georgia, DeKalb County, the U.S. Department of Labor, the Center for Disease Control, the 4th Congressional District of Georgia U.S. Service Academies Board, the DeKalb NAACP, Communities of America, Inc., her beloved Flat Rock community and her beloved Sanford family; and

Whereas, this virtuous Proverbs 31 woman was a mother, a grandmother, a great grandmother, a daughter, a friend, a warrior, a matriarch, and a woman of great integrity; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a Congressional recognition on Ms. Stella "Mother" Sanford for her leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens in Georgia and throughout the Nation; Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby attest to the 113th Congress that Ms. Stella "Mother" Sanford of DeKalb County, Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honor"—Ms. Stella "Mother" Sanford, U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 12th day of May, 2014.

RECOGNIZING SHERIFF'S DEPUTY CHAD R. KOWALCZYK FOR HIS BRAVERY AND SELFLESSNESS IN THE LINE OF DUTY

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Taylor County Deputy Sheriff Chad R. Kowalczyk for his bravery, selflessness, and quick thinking in the line of duty while responding to a call on September 8, 2013.

Deputy Kowalczyk responded to a report of a violation of a court ordered injunction. Upon arriving to the scene, the suspect fired on deputy Kowalczyk.

When the suspect began firing shots at deputy Kowalczyk, he retreated to a position of cover and attempted to warn the responding officers of the situation. Unable to make radio contact, deputy Kowalczyk decided to leave his position of cover to get to his squad car, knowingly putting his life in jeopardy.

When deputy Kowalczyk broke cover, he was struck by a round in his left abdomen.

Deputy Kowalczyk made it to his vehicle and radioed the other officers alerting them of the situation. When they arrived at the scene, they found deputy Kowalczyk taking up a tactical position, despite his serious injuries.

Mr. Speaker, deputy Kowalczyk may not agree with me, but he is a hero. His quick thinking and selflessness protected his fellow officers and the community. Please join me in thanking Deputy Kowalczyk once again for his bravery, selflessness, and quick thinking in the line of duty.

CONGRATULATING SHRI NARENDRA MODI ON HIS RECORD-BREAKING VICTORY AS INDIA'S NEW PRIME MINISTER

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate India's next Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his resounding and historic victory. The Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) victory on May 16, 2014 is the first time after Independence that a non-Congress party has got absolute majority on its own, and Narendra Modi is the reason why.

His victory is India's victory and, while history will remember India's 2014 elections as unprecedented, I will remember the 2014 elections as a triumph. The people of India have triumphed, and I join with them in this momentous celebration of new development for all.

As a token of friendship and in commemoration of the fulfillment of his destiny to lift up the masses, assure social justice, and bring new hope for any and all who, like him, step forward and transform challenges into opportunities by sheer strength of character and courage, a flag was flown over the United States Capitol at my request in honor of him on April 7, 2014, to mark victory's dawn. I pay tribute to Shri Modi for his clarion call for change, to save a nation from ruin. I applaud his leadership and recognize his victory—the people's victory—in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. A statement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD becomes part of U.S. history and I firmly believe Shri Narendra Modi should be included not only in the annals of India's history but U.S. history, too, because he was elected with a resounding victory despite the United States using every recourse it could to disrupt his destiny.

The U.S.-India partnership should be, could be, one of the most defining of the 21st century. But, I am disappointed that the United States failed to develop a strong friendship and comprehensive partnership with Shri Narendra Modi when it mattered most. U.S.-India relations matter strategically, politically, and economically. And even if they didn't matter, the United States should be a fair and honest broker about human rights. Regrettably, in the case of India, the United States missed the mark by responding one way to the 2002 Gujarat riots, another way to the Godhra train burning which led up to the riots, and still another way to the largest ethnic cleansing since the partition of India in which between 300,000 to 500,000 Kashmiri Hindus since 1990 have migrated due to persecution.

Nonetheless, despite the United States getting it wrong with India, Shri Narendra Modi is looking ahead. He is dedicated. He is determined. He is dynamic. He is different. He is the leader of the world's largest democracy. And he is the key player for improved relations between the U.S. and India. As Shri Narendra Modi assumes his mantle as India's next Prime Minister, I have every confidence he will cut across caste, creed and religion and bring alive the dreams of over a billion Indians, and a world that needs his leadership.

As he promised, "Good days are coming." And so, they are. I have personally met with Shri Modi as far back as 2010 and I know him

to be a sincere man who stands against corruption and for inclusive growth and development. Shri Modi is a man of vision and he, together with each and every citizen of India, will create something special—an India that will assume its destined role.

Without a doubt, Prime Minister Modi will usher in India's new era. He will make the 21st century India's century. This is his destiny. And so, once more, I congratulate Shri Narendra Modi on his path-breaking campaign, and I praise BJP Party President Rajnath Singh for working shoulder-to-shoulder with Shri Modi to ensure that the spirit of democracy has triumphed. I also commend Mr. Sanjay Puri, Founder and President of USINPAC, for championing the cause and work of Shri Narendra Modi early on in the U.S. Congress when India's next Prime Minister was Chief Minister of Gujarat.

Above all, I praise Prime Minister Modi's parents who gave rise to him, especially his mother whose blessings he sought. From his beginnings as a son of a tea seller to a landslide and ground-breaking victor, I wish Shri Modi godspeed on his poetic journey forward as India's next Prime Minister.

HONORING THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF ROLLA, MISSOURI

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Optimist Club of Rolla, Missouri. The Optimist Club was founded in April of 1964, and recently celebrated its 50th anniversary.

The Optimist Club is a non-profit service club that is dedicated to providing free programs to the youth of Rolla community. The Optimist Club's tagline is simply, "Friend of Youth" and they certainly have been fulfilling this tagline. Through their youth sports and academic programs, and scholarship funds the Optimist Club continues to impact the lives of thousands of children every year.

Over the past fifty years, the Optimist Club has undoubtedly made Rolla a better place for families I would like to thank the Club's volunteers for all of their hard work and dedication to our children by believing in them and empowering them to pursue their interests. It is my pleasure to recognize their efforts and achievements before the House of Representatives and I look forward to another fifty years of success.

HONORING PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, our Nation has many citizens that work to make America a worthy instrument for good; and

Whereas, Public servants on the federal, state, county and local municipalities level,

keeps America moving; each individual being charged to bring community service, honor and excellence in government, education, health, public safety and military service; and

Whereas, these Public servants are promoting and providing the concept of One Community-One Goal by working with and for individuals in all walks of life to make our Nation a place where the needs of the people are met; and

Whereas, these Public servants give of themselves tirelessly and unconditionally to serve our community and our nation by providing leadership and service; and

Whereas, the lives of many in our district are touched by the leadership and service given by these unsung heroes; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the millions of public employees for their outstanding service to America; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim the week of May 4 through May 10, 2014 as Public Service Recognition Week in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 4th day of May, 2014

ARKANSAS'S THIRD DISTRICT TAKES LEAD ROLE IN GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH 2014

HON. STEVE WOMACK

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, every year in June, America celebrates outdoor recreation during National Great Outdoors Month. Arkansas has proclaimed June to be Great Outdoors Month every year since 2008. This year is no exception, and I am pleased that the Third District played a leading role in the celebrations by hosting the 2014 kickoff campout at Pea Ridge National Military Park on the 16th and 17th of May.

Arkansas, known as the Natural State, is the perfect place to have kicked-off National Great Outdoors Month; we boast more than three million acres of federal lands—and many more of state and local lands—open for public enjoyment. This network of state parks and federal lands is great for swimming and fishing, hiking and biking, climbing and hunting, paddling and boating, and more.

As summer draws near, so do the sounds of outdoor recreation. As the weather grows warmer and the days grow longer, more than 730,000 citizens of northwest and north central Arkansas will take to our fields and forests, skies and waterways to enjoy clean, healthy outdoor fun. It began at the Pea Ridge National Military Park campout—which engaged our youngest generation in the preservation of our outdoors for the enjoyment and recreation of our citizens—and will end with the entire national following in the footsteps of Arkansas's Third District and supporting America's Great Outdoors.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,471,572,575,280.71. We've added \$6,844,695,526,367.70 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

TRIBUTE TO METRO WASTE AUTHORITY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Metro Waste Authority of Des Moines, Iowa for being named a 2014 Recycling Awards winner by the American Forest and Paper Association.

The coveted Recycling Awards from the American Forest and Paper Association recognize new and innovative programs that increase the amount of paper recovered for recycling across America. In April of 2014, Metro Waste Authority was announced as the community winner in the partnership category.

For decades, Metro Waste Authority has been the primary source of recycling education in the Des Moines Metro Area. Their curbside recycling program "Curb It!" was first unveiled to 20 communities in Polk County in 1994 and now services nearly 145,000 households. Since then, Metro Waste Authority has come to manage seven recycling and drop-off sites in the area and have developed a community outreach campaign to significantly increase the amount of mixed paper recovered for recycling.

Mr. Speaker, the great work done every day by the men and women of the Metro Waste Authority provides a crucial service to our communities and our environment. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Metro Waste Authority for receiving this prestigious award and thanking them for their invaluable efforts. It is an honor to represent the people who comprise this leading organization in the United States Congress, and I look forward to many more years of Metro Waste Authority's innovative and positive impact in Iowa.

TRIBUTE TO COMMAND SGT. MAJOR GLENN B. ASHLEY

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

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